

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 16, 2019

Chairperson Danna called to order a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Deerfield, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, at the Municipal Building, 736 Landis Avenue, Rosenhayn, at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Danna led the flag salute.

The Clerk took roll call and members present included Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Stanzone, Mr. Brago, Mr. Terrigno and Mr. Danna.

Approval Of Minutes

The Clerk presented the minutes of December 19 and December 31, 2018. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to approve the minutes as written. The Committee approved.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the departmental reports of the Zoning/Housing Officer, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Stanzone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to accept and file the departmental reports. The Committee approved.

Resolutions

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-20 For The Transfer Of Funds. The Clerk noted that there are still bills coming in for fire department. She further noted that the time clock program used at the fire hall came in at the end of December and money encumbered on a purchase the invoice came in more. Mr. Stanzone made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #19-20. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Terrigno	Yes
Mr. Stanzone	Yes	Mrs. Danna	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-21 – Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract With Cumberland Development Corporation For The Year 2019 In The Sum Of \$5,800.00. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adopt Resolution #19-21. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Terrigno	Yes
Mr. Stanzone	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-22 - Authorizing Submission Of Strategic Plan For The Alliance For Substance Abuse Prevention For The Fiscal Year 2019. Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to adopt Resolution #19-22. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Terrigno	Yes
Mr. Stanzone	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes		

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-23 - Opposing New Jersey Becoming A Sanctuary State And Resolving That Deerfield Township, Cumberland County, Never Becomes A Sanctuary City. Mrs. O'Brien stated that she does not see how opposing what the State of New Jersey is doing benefits the Township. She further stated that she is concerned that taking a negative stance could potentially put the Township on the radar

of the State and that there could be negative repercussions. Mrs. O'Brien noted that she was not endorsing a "Sanctuary City" and did not feel the Township should become one but should not say that we are not.

Mr. Stanzione agreed with Mrs. O'Brien and did not feel that New Jersey should be a Sanctuary State. He asked if any other municipalities have done such a Resolution and was advised that 2 or 3 others have done so.

Mr. Brago indicated that he has been thinking a lot about this matter. He further indicated that he is still not clear on what the law says and does not feel comfortable voting at this time. Mr. Brago stated that he has spoken with some New Jersey State Troopers who said that becoming a Sanctuary State does not hinder their law enforcement capabilities. He further stated that he did some research into aid the Township and school receives from the State and those figures total over 2 million dollars. Mr. Brago noted that this aid would have to be absorbed by the taxpayers if the Township were to lose its aid funding. He further noted that he was going to recommend that the matter be tabled again until he could fully understand the law. Mr. Brago did not feel that voting tonight is going to change the State's idea of a Sanctuary City coming from Deerfield Township.

Mr. Stanzione asked Solicitor Testa if the Township were to proceed with the Resolution if it would affect the State. Solicitor Testa noted it would not have any affect.

Mr. Terrigno noted that the Resolution is a show of "taking a stand". He further noted that he is worried about the people of the Township and not the illegal aliens. Mr. Terrigno stated that he understands the positions taken by Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Stanzione but felt that this matter is about taking a stand. Mrs. O'Brien relayed the discussion held at a meeting she attended to discuss the challenges facing small towns and 2 weeks later that list of reasons was presented as reasons why small towns should be consolidated. Mrs. O'Brien noted that if "Sanctuary State" was just coming up for a vote and there was a direct financial or logistical impact to the Township then she would vote for the Resolution, however, this matter is already the law and nothing said is going to change that. Discussion was held among Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Terrigno.

Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien as to the Resolution Opposing New Jersey Becoming A Sanctuary Sate And Resolving That Deerfield Township, Cumberland County, Never Becomes A Sanctuary City. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	No	Mr. Terrigno	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	No	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Brago	Abstain		

The Clerk noted that the vote for the Resolution was a tie and the motion to adopt the Resolution has failed.

Additional discussion was held among the members as to what a municipality's options are and how discussions on topics help educate on matters the State is trying or has imposed.

#### Old Business

The Clerk presented Reports From Department Chairs. Mr. Stanzione presented on behalf of fire liaisons. He stated that liaisons met with fire on the budget and at this point all departments need to reviewed and start cutting back on everything.

Mr. Brago noted that with regard to the first aid budget and the numbers submitted there was a significant difference from 2018 and what is requested for 2019. He further noted that the 2018 budget numbers given to the Rescue Chief back in August, 2018 that the beginning balance was \$20,000. Mrs. O'Brien indicated that it was part of the accounting error. She further indicated that the Finance Committee will be meeting and have paper copies in order to keep track so that this error does not happen again. The Clerk noted that \$13,000 was requested and budgeted in 2018 for first aid-OE.

Mr. Brago noted that he will be providing for the second meeting of the month a list of updated calls run by fire/EMS for each month and year to date. Mr. Terrigno asked if it would include which calls were in town and which were out of town. Mr. Brago said he would try and make that notation. He noted so far in 2019 there have been 28 calls.

Mr. Brago stated that he follow up with Dr. Ken LaVelle. He further stated that he spoke with the EMS Chief and the department does not have a medical director and the EMS department just falls under the State blanket of medical direction. Mr. Brago indicated that the Township does not pay for medical direction nor is there usually a need to seek medical direction.

As to Recreation, Mr. Brago noted there is a meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, but he will be unable to attend and asked if Mr. Stanzione can attend. He further noted that Mrs. O'Brien wanted to speak with them about Harvest Festival and her possible attendance. Chairperson Danna asked if they could come to a Township meeting and discuss Harvest Festival before the Committee. Mrs. O'Brien felt that liaisons needed to meet with the Recreation Chairpersons privately as they would like to have an open conversation and a public forum would not be an appropriate place to discuss their concerns or the Committee's concerns.

Mrs. O'Brien stated that she received email on Tuesday from the Lt. Governor that the State of New Jersey and the Department of Community Affairs has awarded Deerfield Township a Small Cities CDB Grant of \$400,000 and this award will provide funds to remove mobility barriers that hinder access to the disabled and elderly at Frank LoBiondo Park and Eugenia Johnson Memorial Park in order to comply with Americans With Disabilities Act. She further stated that this project includes playground equipment for both parks, a walking path at LoBiondo Park, improved parking and paving so that anyone with disabilities can access the parks.

The Clerk stated that Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates reached out to her today to ask if he could attend the Township's next meeting in order to give the Committee an overview of what will happen with the grant and how it will proceed and where expenses will come from. Mr. Terrigno questioned the cost of engineering fees and Mrs. O'Brien confirmed that the fees were part of the grant submission but a lot of the money is for site improvements and playground equipment. She noted that there are line items within the application that show how money is to be spent. Discussion was held among the members as to the plan and walk ways and recently purchased swing sets. Mr. Stanzione noted that he had obtained letters of support from the local group homes and the County's Office for the Disabled and the Township should thank them and invite them to the grand opening of the parks when they are finished. Mrs. O'Brien stated that the grant is a wonderful thing and it will beautify our parks and going to make a noticeable impact on our community and make our community more accessible.

Mr. Terrigno inquired if there would be a rendering of the project so that everyone can see what it would look like. Mrs. O'Brien confirmed there would be.

Mr. Brago noted that he had a photo of the port-a-pot at Eugenia Johnson Park that had been drug around the park. Mr. Brago had theories on what happened and also asked public works to notify the vendor that it was damaged.

New Business

The Clerk presented Discussion And Motion Regarding Representatives To Cumberland Development Corporation – Motion To Appoint Representatives. Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to appoint Rudy Danna, Jr. and Abigail P. O'Brien as representatives to Cumberland Development Corporation. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Terrigno	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes		

The Clerk presented Discussion And Motion To Change February 6, 2019 Meeting Date to Attend JIF Elected Officials Seminar. Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Terrigno to change the February 6, 2019 meeting date to February 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Terrigno	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes		

Chairperson Danna asked if some type of sign could be added to the Tax Collector's window indicating that 9-1-1 posts need to be updated. Mr. Stanzione said that could be done, but someone still needs to go out and address those individuals who have not updated their post numbers.

Communications

The Clerk stated that there were no communications this evening.

The Clerk presented Resolution #19-23 for the Payment Of Bills. Mr. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione to adopt Resolution #19-23. Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. O'Brien	Yes	Mr. Terrigno	Yes
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes		

Public Comment

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stanzione, to open the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Gerda Hoerhl addressed the Committee. Mrs. Hoerhl stated that she has photos from the flooding that took place a few weeks ago. Discussion was held that the water can no longer go in the path as it was intended due to development of different areas. Mrs. Hoerhl noted that the farmer farms right up to the street. Mr. Stanzione asked the Solicitor if the Township could send a letter to the farms asking them to stay at least 10 feet back from the roadway. Solicitor Testa noted that could be done, but there is no statute indicating a set back and the Right To Farm Act is very difficult to get a

round. Mr. Stanzione noted that an Ordinance could be passed so that the farmers could not farm in the right-of-way. He further noted that the right-of-way could hurt a lot of the farmers as the Township has a lot of 99 foot roads whereby the farmer would need to stay 50 feet back as opposed to the Township asking them to stay back 10 feet. Discussion was held regarding a meeting several years ago regarding keeping a buffer.

There being no further comment from the public, Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to close the meeting to the public. The Committee approved.

Mr. Stanzione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brago to send a letter to the farmers asking them to stay at least 10 feet off the black top area. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. O'Brien	No	Mr. Terrigno	No
Mr. Stanzione	Yes	Mr. Danna	Yes
Mr. Brago	Yes		

There being no further business, Mr. Terrigno made a motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien to adjourn the meeting. The Committee approved.

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Rudy Danna, Jr., Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

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Karen Seifrit, Clerk  
Township of Deerfield